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PERSONAL ACCOUNT: Laura Lane tells story of her daughter's cancer

## Two mothers, one prayer



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They made an agreement

before she died. "You have to do something so that I know you're there,

said the mother They had shared many conversations about death. and this time they decided

she would become mommy's little guardian angel. One year ago, on Feb. 24, 2013. Laura Lane's 14-year-old daughter, Celeste Templeman, died of a rare brain cancer.

Gone, yet Laura still feels her presence. "She rubs my back," says the

Fonthill mother "And I know she's there.

She's watching over me. "I have that feeling over and

over again." Laura misses her terribly, but the sensation brings her comfort. Peace.

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Laura Lane, her daughter Celeste Templeman, Celeste's friend Hayley Filippini, and Hayley's mother, Laurie Nersten in June 2012.



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## **UPFRONT**

■ EDUCATION: Students compete in electrical wiring challenge

## E.L. Crossley represented well at challenge

#### Pelham News Staff

E.L. Crossley student Travis Gabryelski will be moving onto the provincials

for the DSBN Electrical Wiring Challenge. The regional challenge was held Friday at E.L. Crossley. Brad Kelly and Josh Loewen, also of E.L. Crossley placed second and third at the challenge, continuing a streak of strong electrical

performances from students at the school It has won five provincial and two national medals in the Electrical Wiring Challenge in the past and now Gabryelski will have the chance to add a sixth provin-

cial medal. Marc Demers, teacher at E.L. Crossley, said the challenge takes some of the best students in the DSBN to recognize outstanding performances and professionalism in the field of residential electrical wiring.

\*Everything done in this challenge pertains to anything you would find in a residential setting. It includes baseboard heaters, electrical or wired smoke detectors."

said Demers Participants were expected to perform the assigned task from given drawings and specifications while conforming to the rules and regulations of the Canadian Electrical Safety Code.

Demers said they are pushing for more women to get involved in the trades and had Grade 12 student Jessica Miller participating in the challenge. E.L. Crosslev has won five

provincial and two national medals for the Electrical Wiring Challenge. The school was also host to the DSBN Regional Photography Challenge on Fri-

day too. The Photography Challenge tested, evaluated, and educated competitors in the necessary skills needed changing photography, with particular emphasis on digital photography. Skills and knowledge to be tested was the photographic eye (composition, graphical elements, creative controls and selection of details), digital capture (ability to capture

digital images in any file format to create the desired end result), digital production (editing, retouching and manipulation of images), digital output (correct sizing, colour, space, and format for the desired output source, including creating a digital contact sheet) and professionalism (attitude and presentation of prints).

Results for the photography challenge have not yet been received

Students will receive their medals from the regional challenge at a DSBN technology banquet held in April.

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Jessica Miller, Grade 12 student at E.L. Crossley, takes part in the District School Board of Nlagara's Electrical Wiring Challenge 2014.

## Mother pens book about surviving child's cancer

#### From Page 1

"It's the hardest thing I've ever had to do," she says. That and writing the final chapter of a book she started working on when Celeste was better and life was easier.

Two Mothers One Prayer: Facing Your Child's Cancer with Hope, Strength and Courage, tells the story of Celeste and her friend, Hayley Filippini, a teenager from New Jersey who has the same type

of cancer as Celeste The girls became friends, and the mothers - Laura and Laurie Nersten, the book's co-author - prayed for each other daily and supported each other through joy and sadness, love and loss.

The book details the journeys of both girls, shares the e-mail exchanges between mothers, and outlines five strategies to help parents cope when they have a child with cancer.

It took Laura the better part of a year to write the final chapter - what happens when your child dies.

"I had to get the courage to put that on paper," she says. By writing it out, the tears that came were also very

healing." This month, Laura launched an Indiegogo campaign to raise the \$25,000 needed to fund the book's independent publishing and marketing costs. To date, she has raised close to \$5,000 "It just has the ability to The campaign ends Monday. touch many many lives, Her goal is to achieve Laura Lane says. 20,000 pre-orders of the book, at \$20 each. She hopes

to release the book on what

would have been Celeste's

16th birthday, June 8. Half of

the proceeds will be donated

to help pay Hayley's medical

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To learn more about Laura Lane's

book and to donate to the campaign to fund the cost of independent publishing, visit www.twomothersoneprayer.com















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MUNICIPAL PLANNING: Rice Rd. and Hwy. 20 intersection poised for major change

## **East Fonthill** development has a vision

#### MELISSA MANGELSEN Pelham News Staff

A vibrant picture of a thriving hub has been painted for the southwest corner of Rice Rd. and Hwy. 20.

The Town of Pelham released its draft east Fonthill master plan draft after a vear and a half of work.

We started working on this in June 2012, but the major delay was the OMB process. It has been approved at that level and we can now move forward with the first phase." said Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn

The draft master plan was

received by town council on Tuesday and is now ready for discussion and public

This is really just the first draft of the master plan. It includes the town's own land and 20 acres of the develop-

ers' land," said Augustyn. Proposed on the town's plan is a medical clinic, retirement home and a placeholder, which will proceeded as the town decides

what it's going to do regarding a new multi-functional community centre. When the town looked at

the area at east Fonthill it agreed it didn't want big-



The Town of Pelham revealed its east Fonthill development draft master plan on Friday. The plan shows what the area along Rice Rd. and Hwy. 20 could look like once development begins.

box businesses to sprout up there. As it's a gateway to Fonthill, the mayor and council felt they had a com-

mitment to the community to keep a small-town feel. but while growing the com-

develop links in the community. We have a plan for a lot of trails that would link the east Fonthill development to Fonthill. We don't want this to take away from the downtown at all, or negatively impact existing businesses. We want this development to complete the community," said Augustyn.

"Our intention is to

The draft master plan is an urban design that follows the same structure of the downtown guidelines and emphasizes building elements, orientation and placement, height and massing, storefronts for retail and mixed uses, prominent visual site treatments, roof lines, material quality, colour and detail, signage, access, parking and service areas.

Augustyn said it is hoped that Phase 1 will come to council in April so utilities can begin going in in late

"If everything goes as planned we could see structures going up in there next

spring," said Augustyn. He said this could end up being a three-phase project. "We wanted to get this

master plan draft out there as quickly as would could to let people know what we've been working on over the last year and a half," said Augustyn. Though no names have

been released for retail business. Augustyn said it's only a matter of time before those are announced.

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The Town of Pelham revealed its first draft of the east Fonthill development master plan. The draft is the first visual look at what the area could look like. Additional photo online.

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#### SUN MEDIA

### Draft site master plan helps maintain small-town feel

DAVE AUGUSTYN Mayor Town of Pelham

t our regular meeting last week. Council received three presentations regarding a draft Site Master Plan for mostnorthern portion of the East Fonthill lands - approximately 54 acres South of Regio0n0al Road 20 and West of Rice Road. Wanting to ensure that new development maintains Pelham's small-town feel and to make the best use of the 32 acres of Town-owned-land at the corner of Regional Road 20 and Rice Road, Council directed staff in April 2013 to begin developing a joint Site Master Plan for the Town's lands and approximately 22 acres owned by the Allen Group.

Representatives of the Planning Partnership (the firm that helped develop the recently approved East Fonthill Secondary Plan) unveiled concept drawings that outlined various possible permitted uses for these lands including institutional-medical, retail, retirement, community centre, mixed-use commercial, townhomes, single-detached residential, mixed-use residential and parks and trails.

Aiming to provide complete streets, which accommodate pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, the draft Plan incorporates roundabouts, trails, environmental areas, parks and public squares that complement the Town's urban design guidelines. The draft Plan also links the area to Downtown Fonthill via a tree-lined road extension to Pelham Town Square (Please review the draft Plan at www.pelham.ca/east-fonthill.)

Then, David Allen of the Allen Group outlined plans for the first phase of the development: a 30,000 square foot medical facility that includes family doctors, specialists, minor surgery, pharmacy, labora-

tory, physiotherapy, optometry, radiology, geriatric clinics, health and wellness clinic, nurses and nurse practitioners: an approximately 120 unit senior's complex offering independent and assisted living options;

an 80,000 square foot commercial retail complex that includes a grocery store, fast food establishments and various other retailers. This first phase could also accommodate a poten-

tial multi-purpose community centre and/or arena (pending public feedback and Council decisions this Spring). Council also received an overview of the legal agreement(s) that are being created to help facilitate the development: a servicing agreement that would follow the Town's procurement bylaw; a sale of lands or land swap agreement that would respect the Municipal Act's "anti-bonusing" provisions and pro-

vide a "net benefit" to the Town; and the use of an outside party to recommend Planning approval documents to Council Next steps include refining and approving a Site Master Plan, and amending the Town's Official Plan and Zoning By-Law. Pending such approvals this Spring, utility con-

struction could commence as early as late Summer 2014. During this exciting time for Pelham, our priority is to continue to balance growth as we maintain our small town feel. Council and I hope this draft Site Master Plan will help us to achieve that vision.

You may contact Mayor Dave at mayordaye@pelham.ca or read past columns at www.pelhammavordave.blogspot.com.

## **COMMENT**

## Big town numbers, small town look at feel

Niagara Regional council for Town of Pelham

t has been interesting following the discussions and presentations at Pelham Council about the east Fontbill development. Much has been said about maintaining a small town atmosphere as this development emerges. For some, this can be interpreted that this development will mirror the existing village of Fonthill. Provincial policy in place today prevents this but the town council and the developers are attempting to utilize modern planning practices to soften the impact of higher property densities. The Province of Ontario introduced the Greenbelt Act almost a decade ago. That policy ensures that urban areas do not expand and communities are directed to utilize existing urban boundaries or infilling for expansion. In some communities such as St. Catharines, that has limited urban expansion capability, the growth is to be vertical. This act was followed by the Places to Grow Act which directed growth in communities and placed much higher density quotas to preven further urban sprawl into the suburbs. I

density in Fenwick and North Pelham is three housing units per hectare. Fonthill, including rural properties is four housing units per hectare . The Places to Grow policy requires a density

of 12 housing units per hectare. To put this into a personal perspective, my neighbours and I on Memorial Drive have a little over three acres for our three properties. The Oak Haven development on our rear property lines is proposing seven triple unit townhouses just 50 feet from the property line with basement walkouts. Another seven triple units will be built facing them. This demonstrates the magnitude of the density issue and has the property own ers in Cherry Ridge quite concerned.

However, there are mitigating factors that can soften the impact of density. Those that can remember the original expansion of Victoria Avenue (Regional Road 24) through Vineland can remember a straight raceway where it was virtually impossible to maintain the speed limit. We now see dog's legs, chicanes, curb bumpouts, bicycle lanes and medians that, along with landscaping, have significantly altered the look and feel of that roadway. Those are the types of visual cues that can be encorporated

At the last Pelham Council meeting the developers made a visual presentation of the proposed early stages of house and small detached single lots were there, so were mixes of institutional uses, commercial uses as well as curved roadways with bicycle paths,

into new high density developments

development. While high density townsidewalks, greenspaces and roundabouts to provide traffic calming. The building designs and the materials used can all be designed to lessen the visual impact of the buildings. The main central roadway is planned to integrate with the Peace Park area and be tree lined to invite citizens to enjoy the walkability features in the design. The Town Council and the developers should be encouraged to use every technique available to provide a smooth integration of the old and new. So far we should be pleased with their efforts. I encourage all to attend open house sessions where these designs are presented.

Brian Baty is a Niagara Regional Councillor for the Town of Pelham who presents regional reports and attends delegations and presentations at the Town of Pelham Council meetings, brian.baty@ niagararegion.ca

### readers'views

#### PELHAM AND WELLAND SHOULD UNITE ON NEW ARENA The Town of Pelham and the City of

have been told that the current housing

Welland should look into building an arena complex to be used by both communities. There is little vacant land left between both Pelham and Welland for development. They both need new arena facilities. Privatization would not be the proper route. The Pelham arena is outdated and so are Welland's arenas Take the route St. Catharines did, the

A pool is a wasteful expense. A community centre is more logical. There are many venues that the arenas could be used for besides hockey, figure skating and public skating, Old-timers hockey is thriving. Many players have to rent ice in other arenas to play.

A community centre would be a good option at the site for everyone to enjoy. Groups are always looking for space to use for various events. Shared expenses and revenue would have to be

The existing Pelham arena would be a suitable site for the Town of Pelham's operations department. Offices could be built in the existing arena hall. The municipal office staff is in dire need of room in Pelham. Rice Road and Hwy. 20 is an ideal location for this arena

Your comments and other ideas

would be greatly appreciated before the first shovel is put into the ground. Speak up, it's your money and the town is getting larger RONALD WINNICKI

FENWICK

#### STATE-OF-THE-ART HOSPITAL? Just recently, my wife June Hansen/

Bradley was a patient in your hospital on the third floor at the Station C palliative care unit in St. Catharines. The nurses were very polite and obliging, I have no complaints. During her stay, I provided her bedside care and looked after her 24/7. As a "retired nurse" I thought I would give the nursing staff a break, which I know was very much appreciated by the staff.

During my stay with my wife 24/7. I was amazed and irritated over the intercom system in the room that my wife was staying in. And to my amazement, all the patients' rooms were the same. I became very irritated during the night trying to sleep and out from a blaring intercom (in the patient's room) comes "Code White" or "Code Blue" and so forth. And saying it repetitively three times. You were rudely interrupted from your sleep. And just when you get back to sleep, the same scenario. This must also be very irritat-

ing to all the patients. As a nurse at "the old" Welland hospital for 35% years, the intercom system was in the halls. I had no trouble hearing the codes from in the patients' rooms. So whoever designed the intercom system in your state-ofthe-art hospital was not thinking of the patients at all.

Is sleep not part of getting well? Maybe, the designer was thinking he was designing a state-of-the-art office P.S. Your hospital is very beautiful.

But maybe think more of the patients when designing your Niagara Falls state-of-the-art hospital. DON BRADLEY, RPN (RETIRED)

FONTHILL.

#### RE-PERMISSIVE GRANTS

Pelham Cares is very pleased that the Fonthill Lions' Club will be receiving \$8,000 from the Town of Pelham to purchase an electronic sign, and we are equally grateful to be given a permissive grant of \$9,600. The Town of Pelham has been very supportive of Pelham Cares during its 30 years of service. However, we would like to clear up misinformation regarding Pelham Cares' finances, which was provided to the public and included in an article in last week's issue.

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### ■readers'views

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During the Town Council

meeting of Feb. 10, it was stated that since Pelham Cares is operating with a substantial surplus in its operating budger, it should not be receiving funds from the town. While it is true that Pelham Cares has a surplus in its operating budget, this is termporary since within the next few weeks, funds will be transferred weeks, funds will be transferred part of our down payment for the purchase of Pelham Cares is in the middle of a capital carres in the middle of a capital carres

paign, as there is still a need for funds to finance the purchase. At Pelham Carea' annual meeting last year, our auditor praised this community service agency for having its expenses go down from the previous year and its net assets have increased since 2008, thanks to the support received from the community. He stated that it was rate to see a reversing trend like this and commended everyone involved.

for their great work. We take very

seriously our responsibility to

the donors who have trusted us to use their donations wisely. The fact that our non-profit organization is a volunteerdriven charity allows us to keep our administrative costs well below 10%, which is well below the norm of other similar Ontario non-profit organizations. We are very much a volunteer working board, and with a whole host of tremendous volunteers, we work tirelessly in order that our services can be carried out.

These volunteers include

our drivers who ensure people are able to get to their medical appointments, as well as those who date-check, sort and pack the volume of food that is donated, in order to provide food security for those in need. Pelham Cares operates with two part-time employees who arrange for the medical drives. screen clients and receive requests for food orders and youth subsidies. The majority of our occupancy costs are attributable to our food assistance program to provide storage for

out the year. Pelham Cares operates on donations and support such as the permissive grants, but it does not receive any sources of steady funding. You, the community, are our steady source of funding, and we thank you for that Please be assured that your donations are being used in the best possible way in order for Pelham Cares linc. to provide for Pelham Cares linc. to provide

the large amounts of food that

come to us through the Annual

Community Food Drive, as well

as donations received through-

much-needed services to those in need. JANE GILMOUR, PRESIDENT PELHAM CARES INC. COLUMN: Pelham Public Library

# March break around the corner

FRAN GILES

arch Break is almost close enough to taste, my wish is for plenty of snow for playing in for the children who are off school, and no snow for the parents who have to drive them to various activities.

Fortunately, here at the Library weather makes no difference so whether there is lots of snow or none at all. children can still have fun. To engage in the activities organized by our children's department, someone will have had to sign them up and pay in advance, so here is a friendly reminder to sign up. There is room for more participants in most of the programs, with the exception of "Magician in the Making". "Mad Scientist" is almost full. (I am writing this Feb. 20) Pick up a list at either branch of the library, choose and register. Happy noise will result.

While children are enjoying March break, their parents are probably conscious of Tax Time. Prepare yourself by planning ahead. The tax planning sminiar will be on Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m. and is free but please pre-register.

On a more exciting note, On a more exciting note, come and meet Dorothy Seabourne who has taken 12 come and has taken 12 come of the past 30 years and has written a photofilled book about it. "Dreams to Memoirs" is the title. The presentation will be on March 4 at 7 pm. The cost is 54 and pre-registration is required. Dreams to Memoirs will be available to purchase for \$40. Are you looking for a job

now or will you be in the future? Niagara College Employment and Training Solutions is presenting series of seminars on various job hunting skills. The first seminar, on March 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., is on resumes and cower letters. It is free but pre-registration is required. Almost everyone could benefit from this seminar or the

other two, on Interview Skills and Second Careers, on April 15 and May 12 respectively. Finally, now the sap is ris-

Finally, now the say is rising and the nest-building, basement/garage clearing fewer is upon us, we at the library hope that if you have any bookcases that need weeding out you'll think of us. Our wice-a-year book sale will happen during the last week in March and, as ever, we need lots of good books to sell. Donate at the Fonthill branch whenever the Library is open.

Now, supposing you want more books rather than fewer, and, after all, if you borrow them from us you borrow them from us you borrow them from us you want to have a some new young adult series to bring to you attention. There is the Mortal Instruments series by Cassandra Bones' is the first volume and "City of Ashes" the second. Very exciting, very weelf, the U.S. through a distorting lens.

Another similar but different series from Down Under, a New Zealand writer who lives in and writes about Australia, in the Recon Team Angel series of which we have "The Assault" and "Task Force." For slightly younger chil-

dren, may I suggest the

Seven Series: seven grandsons, engaged in seven journevs, by seven authors, All are exciting. The authors are all skilled children's adventure story writers such as Sigmund Brouwer ("Devil's Pass") and Eric Walters ("Between Heaven and Earth") and the books make a rewarding read. Fantasy is prominent in "Hokey Pokey" by Jerry Spinelli, which is not part of a series, and humour in "Liar, Liar", "Flat Broke", and "Crush" which are a series about Kevin

(the Liar) by Gary Paulsen. That about does it for this installment. Don't forget our book sale. I hope to see you at the library donating and buying books.







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## Artist says thank you through art

#### Pelham News Staff

When someone saves your life and your house from burning down, how do you thank

For Welland artist Catherine Gouthro, there was only one way she knew how - through

After a fire leveled her neighbours' two-storey garage and melted the siding on her own home, the vision of what the firefighters did that night to save her home from going down too wouldn't Gouthro's

her mind. In the midst of the Nov. 17 early morning fire, her neighbour Joan Simpson managed to take a photograph of a firefighter behind a haze of smoke.

"It was such an amazing photo that I decided to paint it onto a table out of appreciation to the fire department,"

said Gouthro. The finished table is available in a free draw to full-time or volunteer Niagara firefight-

Seeing what the firefighters did for her that night hit close to home, because she has a 22-year-old son, Jeffrey, who is a firefighter.

"As a mom of a firefighter, I felt a bond with them when they came out that night. We weren't able to go back into our bome until after 3 a.m., and they staved there the entire time. They kept checking the attic to make sure everything was OK before they

left." said Gouthro. Her eldest son, Jesse, who is 23 puts his life on the line to help others as well. He is in the Canadian Armed Forces.

stationed in Petawawa. Though her home didn't catch fire, the scene from her kitchen window was movielike. The fence that separated her property from her neighbours' was acting like a

"We went out there and

saw how it was spreading the fire. The fire department said that probably saved our

house," she said. "It was so frightening, eerie and spooky to see your house melting before your own

Gouthro does her artwork on used furniture, giving it

new life. "Our dumps are burning garbage on a daily basis, polluting our planet. I want to

see us stop being a throwaway society and recycle these things," she said. Her artistic ability came as a slow show of dedication and perseverance.

Over the years, she has developed her own style as a free-hand artist. "I don't do any sketches before I paint. I just paint free-

style, all by hand." The table will be on display at Above and Beyond Cupcakes and Cafe at 593 King St for the next two weeks.

"They were just a great group of people who I felt safe with. I was well looked after and I wanted to say thank you with what I do best," she said.

Full-time or volunteer Niagara firefighters who want to enter the draw should send their name, phone number and area they work from to Gouthro at catherines, artwork@hotmail.com or visit her Facebook page at www. facebook.com/ArtworkonFurniturebyCatherineGouthro

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PELHAM NEWS STAFF After a fire nearly destroyed

her home, Catherine Gouthro wanted to say thank you to the firefighters who saved her life and house. She did that the best way she knew how - through her artwork. The table will be given away through a free draw open to Niagara firefighters on March 29.



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Thursday Mar 6

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#### # COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING re: Development Charges By-Law & Background Study - Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at 6:30 pm, Pelham Town Hall Pursuant to Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, the Town of Pelham will hold a public meeting to present and obtain public input on the Town's development charges by-law and underlying background study. Visit pelham celcalendar for details.

Pelham Community Garden Public Meeting - Thursday March 6, 2014 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Old Pelham Town Hall (491 Canboro Rd, Ridgeville)
What do you think, should Pelham have a Community Garden? Have your say! Join us for refreshments and a discussion about gardening a plot or donating your
time/resources to create and maintain one. Hope to see you there. Visit pelham cacelonater for details.

Farmers' Market Vendor Applications – The Town of Pelham is currently accepting vendor applications for our 2014 Farmers' Market, which will run each Thursday starting May 1<sup>th</sup> and ending October 30<sup>th</sup>. Vendor stalls are \$30.00/week or \$200.00/season. Application packages are available on pelham.ca/farmers—market and at Pelham Town Hallor.

Pelham Mayor's Gala Tickets Now Available - On Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Mayor Dave Augustyn and community outnetness will host the Sixth Annual Pelham Mayor's Gala Litocket Polin Golf & County Club. Tickets are on NOW\* available and sell out fast influidual tickets are available for purchase 15s each. Parfurerships are also available through the "NEW" Mayor's Gala Champions Program. Please contact 905-892-290 at 337 or misscher@celham.cs. Pelham Tax Dev Dates - Mark your calendars for the first and second tax Installments which are due February 28<sup>th</sup> and Advis 130 are specifiedly.

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## **Open Arms Mission gets boost from Pelham Friends**

#### MELISSA MANGELSEN Pelham News Staff received a shot in the arm from Pelham

Open Arms Mission in Welland has

Friends Church. The church gathered about 30 volunteers to go to the doors of 350 homes last Saturday to collect non-perishable food items for the mission.

CEO Jerry Vanderklok. "This time of year is really slow for us

because people are still recovering from Christmas, This winter has also been really cold and people seem to be donat-

ing less.
"Our demand at Open Arms is high. Whenever grocery prices go up, as they have been, our donations slow down."

down from last fall's Welland

"It has been an extremely tough winter," said Vanderklok Pelham Friends Church went to nearby homes and left a card at doors making residents aware that on Feb. 22 volunteers would return to pick up any items that were left outside front doors. The church also opened its doors as a drop-off centre Saturday.

This community is just so gen erous. Our goal was to feed 100 families with this food drive," said lead pastor Mathew Bradbury.

"It was a lot of fun for us to do this, but it's also great knowing that it is helping someone else." Of the 30 volunteers who came out Saturday, the youngest was seven, the oldest in her 70s.

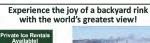
In the past the church has donated to Pelham Cares, but Bradbury said it saw a need at Open Arms Mission. Vanderklok said typically if the

A group of volunteers who call themselves Pelham Friends, from the Pelham Friends Church on Haist St. in Fonthill, came together Saturday to go door-to-door and collect food donations for Open Arms Mission of Welland Inc.

day that is a busy day. This year we've been seeing over 40 families a day. There are

are the working poor. With the winter being so cold, too, gas and hydro bills have been skyrocketing. Bills are going up, groceries a lot of people out there who are are going up, but wages are stayliving in poverty and a lot of them ing the same," he said.





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streetscapes that include roundabouts, trails, parks and public squares that complete the town's urban design guidelines Developer the Allen Group reiterated plans to build a 30,000-square-foot medical centre that will include room for family doctors, specialists, minor surgery,

accommodate pedestrians,

cyclists and motorists, and

a pharmacy, laboratory, physiotherapy, optometry, radiology, geriatric clinics, health and wellness clinic, nurses and nurse practitioners About 120 units are also planned for a seniors complex, including independent and assisted-

living options and a health

and wellness centre. An 80,000-square-foot commercial retail complex is expected to include a grocery store, fast food establishment and various other retailers

#### Parking ticket changes

As of July 1, the Ontario Courts of Justice will no longer provide a forum for the prosecution of parking infractions. Consequently. council agreed to create an administrative municipal penalty system to help deal with the enforcement. collection and appeal process for parking tickets.

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#### Julien School is coming

Pelham council approved a zoning amendment application for the commercial property located at 170 Hwy. 20 W. to include a spot for the Julien School for Alternative Learners. It is an Ontario Ministry of Educationaccredited private school catering to students with special learning needs. The school expects to have about 20 students ranging from pre-school to high school and might offer adult programs if required.

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#### COMMUNITY: Council, board and supporters are talking what is best for branch

### Future of Maple Acre library in limbo

#### Pelham News Staff

The little library under the maple tree has survived floods, book shortages and threats of closure over the years.

Following a meeting in Fenwick last week, the future of the Maple Acre branch of the Pelham Public Library was still in A joint meeting between council, the library board and Friends of Maple Acre

was held to define problems with the branch and try to find a solution. "Obviously, our main goal is to pro-

vide the best possible library service to the people of Pelham," said library board chair Maxine Gaylor. "We have to look at what is feasible, while being fiscally responsible and spending the tax dollars

The Fall 2013 Library Facilities Strategic Review found the building is nearing the end of its useful life-cycle. The town determined it is not feasible financially for Pelham to replace Maple Acre with a new full-service building.

"The Friends of Maple Acre and people in the community are passionate about keeping it open. They see the value of its heritage and want a library to remain in

Fenwick," said Gaylor. The Maple Acre branch has a long history of service in Fenwick. It was built on a donated lot with numerous gifts of free labour, materials and books. In the past, it

was frequently staffed by volunteers. Gaylor said the board is working through the lengthy process with the town to solve the problem. No decision was made on the future of Maple Acre and Gaylor said they will hold another public meeting in the next few weeks.

In January, the Pelham library board voted against recommendations to establish a satellite location to replace the branch in Fenwick. At that time, the board also voted in favour of a recommendation stating the replacement of the branch with a full-service library was not financially or operationally viable given its budget restraints.

Moving forward in the digital age, libraries are struggling to keep up and conform to what people need and want to see. Amy Guilmette, acting CEO for the Pelham Public Library, said having two full-service branches in Fenwick and Fonthill isn't something she feels is sus-

Compared to single-branch library systems in comparable Ontario municipalities, the two-branch system isn't effi-

The question remains for the Maple Acre branch, will it stay or will it go? Some options include turning it into a

storefront, close it completely, relocating it or keeping it as a full-service library. "We're looking at all the facts and going through the process to look at some sug-

gestions and overcome the obstacles to come to a decision," said Gaylor. Supporters of the Maple Acre branch are not going down without a fight. An online petition was created to inform the library board and town they don't want to

see the Maple Acre branch close. To sign the petition go to www.thepetitionsite.com/640/262/209/save-mapleacre-library or sign it in person at Fenwick Subs & Bakery, the Fenwick Hardware Store, DeVries Fruit Farm, the Golden Grill and Keith's Restaurant in Fonthill.

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■ HEALTH: Close to 30 companies add their efforts

## Heart and Stroke campaign hits the streets

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Special to OMI Agency Niagara Valentine's Day is over, but many local residents are still worried about their hearts.

The Heart and Stroke Foun dation has been running a month-long campaign to raise money and awareness for cardiovascular health. Volunteers have been asking for donations

door-to-door and a number of local businesses are also help-

ing the cause. Service Experts Heating and Air Conditioning has signed up to raise money and match donations made in St. Catharines, Sarah Pritula, Niagara area manager for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, said

Service Experts has been a big

They are probably the most engaged group of volunteers for Heart Month that we have this

year," she said. The local business plans to match up to \$100 per donation that is given through its website or at its St. Catharines location. Another 30 companies in Niagara are also participating, col-

lecting donations and hanging up little red paper hearts to show support. Heart Month is more than half over. but residents are urged to keep giving to the cause. The foundation is also still accepting volunteers to help with the campaign

"We never turn anyone away who wants to volunteer." Pritula said. She said with all the snow dumped on the region this winter and with more likely to come, residents should be aware of their cardiovascular health before they start shovelling.

According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, more than 55,000 Niagara residents are hospitalized because of heart issues each year. Twenty percent of residents over the age of 12 have high blood pressure, the No. 1 risk factor for heart disease.

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#### Police seek driver after pedestrian hurt

Police are seeking a hit-and-run driver they say struck and critically injured a man in Grimsby.

Niagara Regional Police say at about 2:25 a.m. Saturday, emergency crews responded to a pedestrian who was struck on Ontario St. at the OEW westbound ramp. A 24-year-old Grimsby man was hurt after he came

into contact with a vehicle in the northbound lane. Police say the man landed on the asphalt road surface with significant force and suffered

ife-threatening head injuries. He was taken from the scene by ambulance to the Hamilton Health Sciences — General Site where Sunday afternoon he was listed in critical but stable condition. The driver of the vehicle

failed to remain at the scene. and fled the area without stopping, police said. Investigators are not

releasing a description of the suspect vehicle at this time. However, they urge the driver to contact Niagara police. The name of the injured man was not released.

#### Youth charged in vandalism spree

Police say a male youth faces criminal charges after a collision and vandalism spree in east Grimsby. On Saturday at about 8 a.m., Niagara Regional Police responded to Tomahawk Dr. and Arrowhead Lane to investigate reports of

overnight damage to several vehicles in the area. Police say a 15-year-old male Grimsby resident took his mother's vehicle without her consent earlier in the evening. Police suspect he was later involved

in a crash and fled the scene They also allege that to make the damage to his mother's vehicle appear to be from random vandalism, he returned to the area later and vandalized several parked

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## Arabian Knights

#### MARYANNE FIRTH Pelham News Staff

Niagara College is heading east - way to the Middle East. And it's bringing back millions of dollars to invest in the

The college learned last week it won a bid to operate a hospitality, tourism, culinary and business campus in Taif, Saudi Arabia, beating out 20 other institutions from across the globe

The news came after a worldwide tender was issued last fall by the Colleges of Excellence of Saudi Arabia.

Top schools were sought to train students in a variety of sectors at 26 vocational and technical training colleges

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built and owned by the Saudi "It's rewarding to know we

beat out colleges in Australia, the U.K. and the U.S.," said Sean Kennedy, Niagara College's vice-president of student and external relations. "Our programs are recog-

nized as top class. We were pleased to come out on top," The bid was broken into two pieces - 30% based on price to operate programming and 70% based on each school's ability

to provide quality training. "Our bid was at the very top of the technical scores," Kennedy said, noting that played a large part in Niagara being awarded a

five-year contract. Kennedy was not able to divulge the college's financial

hid, but said the "net benefit back to Niagara College, to be reinvested in programs, services and facilities, will be in the millions of dollars.

Work is underway to finalize negotiations and necessary details to see the partnership move forward, he said. The Taif campus is under construction and scheduled for completion

in the coming months. If all goes as planned, programming will begin in September with 150 to 200 students who will undergo English language training and academic skills acquisi-

Successful students will then continue into business, hospitality and tourism diploma programs in September 2015. By the end of the five-year run,

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Niagara College has won a bid to operate a campus in Taif, Saudi Arabia. The Middle East campus for the school whose mascot is the Knights is pictured above.

Kennedy is anticipating the campus will grow to 1,000 students with about 100 staff and faculty members, Both Canadians, including Niagarans, and Saudi Arabians will be hired to staff the campus.

Operating Taif's hospitality and tourism campus seemed like a "perfect fit," as many of the programs offered will mirror those available at the college's Niagaraon-the-Lake campus, Kennedy said.

The Taif campus will have a restaurant on site, as well as a teaching hotel to provide hands-on learning experiences and work opportunities for students. The partnership, Kennedy said, "gives

us a chance to link globally with major employers," including some of the world's top hotel chains.

It's also an opportunity to "diversify revenue streams here," he said, as the

college is always looking for additional ways to fund the high-quality programming offered locally Kennedy explained there's "a lot of

work to be done" before the Tail campus can be ready to go for the fall, making this "an exciting and daunting time."

This is not Niagara College's first time

working in the Middle East nation. The school has worked in partnership with the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre since 2006 deliver-

ing office administration training in the cities of Riyadh and Jeddah. Niagara College has a "global reputation of excellence," Kennedy said, "We're centred in Niagara, but globally

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#### VITAMINS SUPPLEMENTS AND HERBALS

Contrary to popular belief there really is no magic pill. Many people come in search of the right vitamin, or supplement, hoping it will help them sleep better, feel better, or perform better. Unfortunately there really aren't any magic supplements that can cure all that ails you. Even prescription medications are limited. They can lower your blood pressure or your cholesterol but no pill is going to fix everything.

People want to take herbals because they feel a natural product is "safer" for them. This is not necessarily true. Whether you are taking a prescription medication or a natural product you are putting a chemical in your body which can after your body's chemistry. As such you are subject to the effects of the medication either good or bad.

Pharmacists are not against herbal products. Many of them have evidence to show they can provide some benefit. However, not all herbals and natural products have undercone standardized testing to ensure that they only contain what's on the label. It has even been shown that some products contain very little of the ingredient they are being sold for. As a consumer it is important you educate yourself regarding which manufacturers have their products tested, and which companies conduct clinical trials to ensure their products are safe and effective. Some companies now have an NPN number on their products. This number serves as notice that their products have been tested and contain what is claimed on the label.

As far as supplements are concerned the best thing to do is follow the Canada Food Guide. A well balanced diet can provide you with all of the vitamins and nutrition you require. The few supplements that may be worthwhile to purchase are Calcium and Vitamin D. Even with a well balanced diet most people do not get enough of these. Recent studies show that almost everyone has a vitamin D deficiency. New evidence shows that vitamin D is important for bone health as well as preventing some cancers. It is also important to make sure you are getting enough Omega 3's (DHA and EPA). These supplements are linked to both heart and brain health, Again, they are deficient in most people's diets.

If you are interested in taking a supplement or vitamin consult your doctor or pharmacist. Many times you don't need to spend the extra money. If you would like to take an herbal product do as much research on the company as possible. Ask your pharmacist about safety and reliability. Herbals can interact with your prescription medications and cause liver and kidney toxicity. For example St. John's Wart can affect the birth control pill, and melatonin can increase blood pressure. Many herbals can also interact with warfarin, and could be dangerous for some people to take.

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#### MARCH 7

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why is it so effective? LeafSource is a 100% natural product derived from a proprietary organic mineral composite with over ten years of university research. LeafSource helps regulate the inflammatory process and the body's ability to repair itself. The vast majority (70 -80%) of the population over the age of 50 have joint problems - often called osteoarthritis. This is due to the natural (or unnatural) wear and tear on joint tissue that develops through the aging process. With joint inflammation, movement is limited and pain can be constant. LeafSource seems to have the ability to help people get their mobility and zest for life back. Millions of people seek treatment for their joint and inflammation problems by resorting to expensive, toxic prescription drugs (i.e. NSAIDs) with multiple side effects. These range from nausea and vomiting to serious intestinal disorders (bleeding, gas, pain) and even kidney and liver failure. Isn't that too large a price to pay for a little pain relief!? LeafSource is a safe alternative to these destructive anti-inflammatory drugs that cause more problems than they solve. There are absolutely no side effects and it doesn't interfere with any other medications. Controlled experiments and observations have revealed that LeafSource is a potent antiinflammatory that has been shown to bring a reduction to inflammation and pain within a few days. People notice great results in terms of more energy and less pain by taking anywhere from 2 to 6 capsules/day

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